

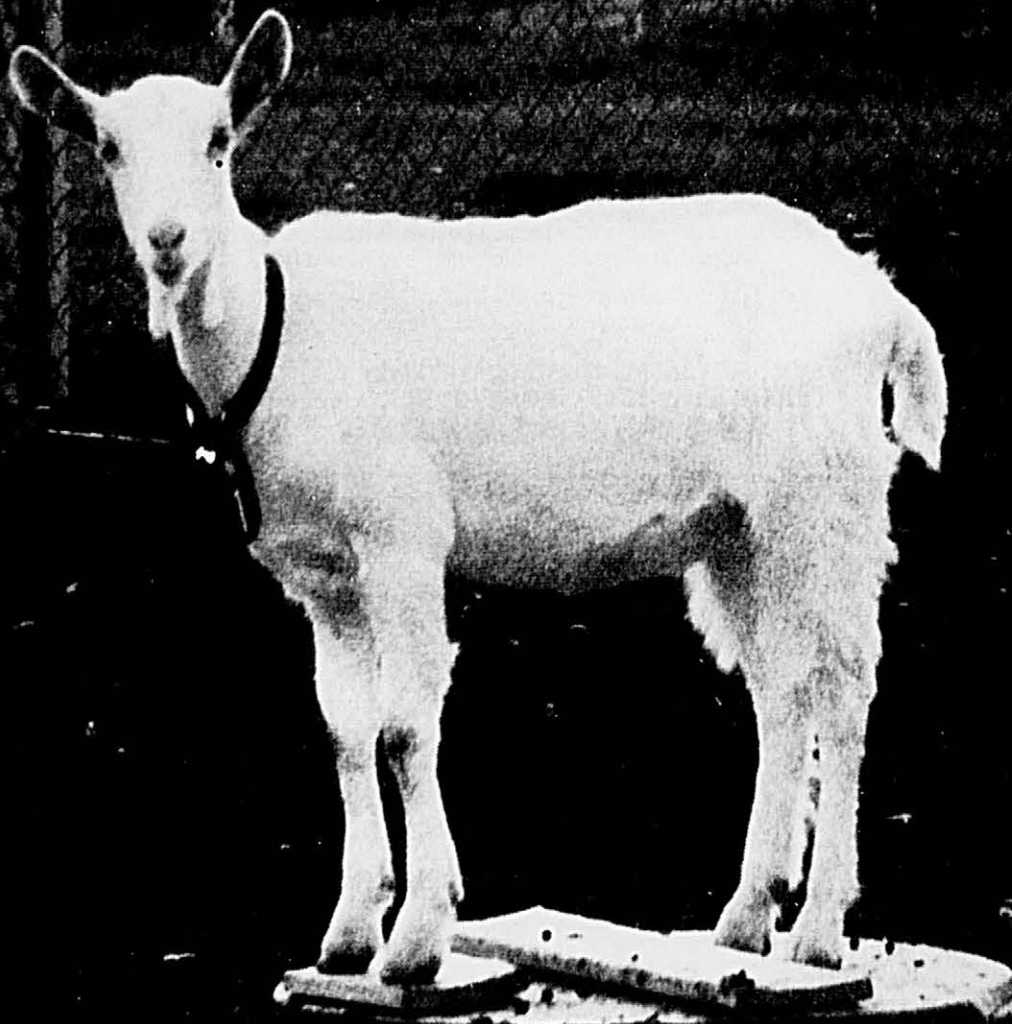
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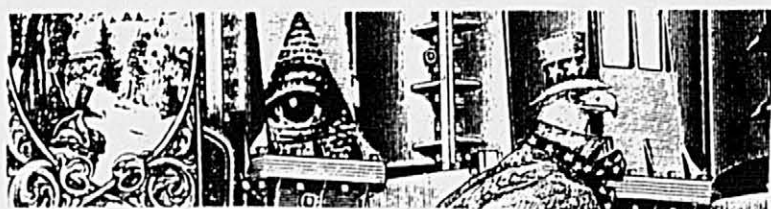
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Another seminar is planned later for those with no experience.

Events

Q-PIRG has invited Kahnawake Chief Joe Norton to speak on "Social Change: A Mohawk Perspective" at a general Q-PIRG meeting. Learn about our projects for the year at 18h00 today in Leacock 232.

Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill is holding an important meeting. New members welcome: academic and non-academic staff, teaching and research assistants. 17h30 today on the 4th floor of Thomson House, 3650 McTavish.

McGill Women's Union is holding its first general meeting of the year. All women welcome. Come with ideas and projects to Union 423 at 17h00 today.

McGill for the Ethical Treatment of Animals introductory meeting. See Peter Singer's film *In Defense of Animals*. Come to Union 425 at 16h30 today.

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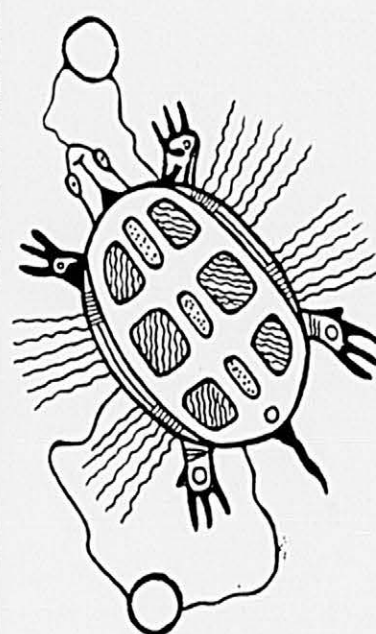
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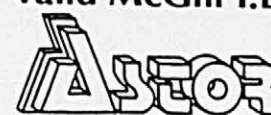


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McGill may introduce same sex benefits for employees

by Robin LeBaron

In a dramatic reversal of its former position, McGill may soon grant benefits to same sex partners of employees. But some suggest that the new benefit plan may only be serving McGill's public relations needs.

Robert Head, president of the Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM), said he was informed that a new benefits plan would be announced in either late September or October.

"I have a gut feeling the announcement is planned to coincide with the findings of the Québec Human Rights commission," he said.

The Québec Human Rights Commission is currently reviewing evidence on charges laid against McGill by five present and former McGill employees. Head, who is among the complainants, has charged McGill with discrimination on the basis of both sexual orientation and political conviction.

However, Kathleen Tobin at McGill Human Resources claimed that McGill does not yet have a new benefits policy. When asked

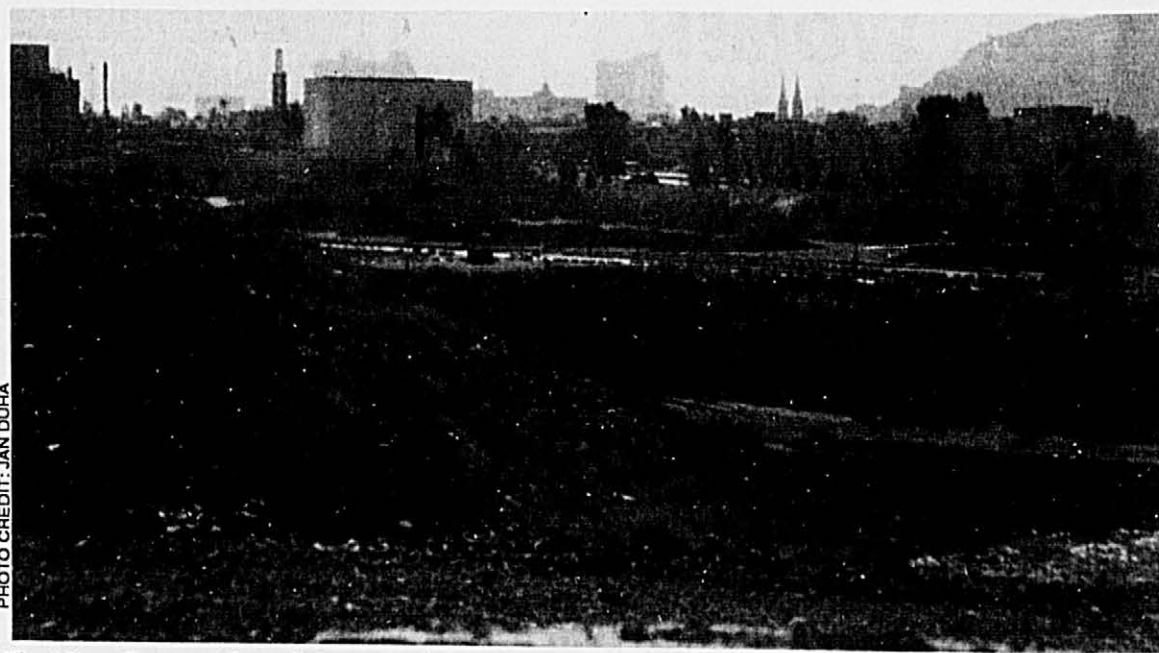
whether a new policy would be released in the near future, she refused to comment.

But the *Daily* has been informed that a draft of a new benefit plan has redefined the term "spouse." In the new definition, "A spouse is a person publically represented as a consort for at least three years."

Other details of the draft remain unclear. Head said that one official informed him that the benefits would be retroactive from June 1991. Another official said that benefits would not be retroactive.

McGill presently does not recognize long term lovers of lesbians and gays as legitimate spouses in its benefit plan. Same sex common-law partners of McGill employees are denied pensions, tuition assistance and other benefit plans.

The same sex benefits issue has been controversial at McGill for many years. According to Head, LAGEM has been lobbying the administration without success since February 1990. Last year Professor Sam Noumoff and the Graduate Student Society also pushed for same sex benefits in the McGill Senate.



The Miron Quarry garbage dump, quite the stench

City dismisses worries about dump

by Anders Hayden and Peter Clibbon

City council isn't sitting yet and the opposition already has the ruling MCM on the defensive.

According to Democratic Coalition (DCM) member Marvin Rotrand, houses bordering the Miron quarry dump-site are threatened by biogas leaks. The leaks, largely methane and carbon dioxide, are emitted by mountains of rotting garbage which stand 600

metres away.

"Things could become dangerous for the safety and health of residents of the neighbourhood if something isn't done in the near future" said Rotrand in a press release last week.

But ruling party members disagree. "Rotrand's accusations are irresponsible. They are unnecessarily alarming residents living next to the Miron quarry garbage dump," said City executive committee member Claude Brunelle.

The executive committee's press officer Lily Robert claimed that the city has conducted comprehensive tests in the houses bordering the landfill. Only one parking-garage had concentrations of biogas approaching dangerous levels, she said.

Robert described the measures taken by the city to tap biogas leaks from the garbage as a energy source.

"Over \$23 million has been invested in exploiting biogas generated in the dump. The city will invest \$40 million alone in controlling biogas emissions," said Robert.

Three years ago, city officials began a programme to capture gasses emitted from the dumpsite by driving gas capture-pipes deep into the piles. However, due to problems in the gas collection system, the system has only been working at minimum capacity.

According to Rotrand, the city could have avoided problems of gas leakage if bad decisions were not

made while the system's pumps were installed.

Rotrand was also concerned with the workers who monitor, treat and bury the city's garbage.

According to Rotrand, three Miron dump employees were made ill by gasses emitted from the garbage. In August, employee Luc Filion died of gas intoxication after he went to get a tool that had fallen into a garbage pit. Two other employees were temporarily hospitalized following similar circumstances.

Rotrand has questioned safety practices at the quarry and their enforcement. He has also called for a coroner's inquest into Filion's death.

"The slackness of security measures is abnormal for such a dangerous workplace" said Rotrand. He mentioned that employees seldomly wear protective masks and monitoring of gas-levels is inadequate.

Brunelle responded by calling Rotrand a "demagogue" and claiming he "knows very well that safety measures exist at the dumpsite."

He also mentioned that the city was funding studies at l'Ecole Polytechnique and le Département de santé communautaire Sacré-Coeur to investigate health impacts of the emitted biogas.

Council is set to resume this evening at City Hall and opposition members are planning an intensive question period.

Erotic safe sex article called vulgar

by Lynn Chaiken

"He is your lover. He is a fuck buddy. He is a total stranger you just picked up. He is your friend."

The explicit essay "Just Do It", printed in the Concordia students' association (CUSA) handbook, promotes AIDS education for gay men by eroticizing safe sex. Indignant Concordia students have denounced it as offensive, vulgar, and inappropriate.

The author, a gay male Concordia student, believes that "federal government pamphlets do not reach who they're intended to reach. Giving people a list of don'ts is not erotic. For me, it's imperative to speak about sexuality. Our survival depends on it."

Five students have inquired about how to lodge formal complaints. However, John Relton, Code of Conduct administrator at Concordia said their complaints wouldn't hold up in the university's judicial system.

"This essay just doesn't fit into the definition of obscenity. Material that is simply inappropriate or offensive is not an area of complaint."

When explicit safe sex articles were reprinted from Memorial University's newspaper, *the Muse*, Relton said he didn't receive any complaints. He thought the issue at Concordia is peoples' dissatisfaction with the students' association and not the article per say.

Students with an opinion on the handbook's content have been invited to share their views at two open forums sponsored by CUSA.

Eleanor Brown, the association's co-president, said she was prepared

to defend the handbook. However, she was "sickened" by the lack of consensual support for the handbook's material among the association's Board of Directors.

Last Wednesday, CUSA's Board of Directors agreed to thank the handbook's contributors; to support freedom of speech and condemn censorship; and to condemn any suppression of the handbook's material. However, five of the fifteen directors abstained from the vote on whether to condemn suppression of handbook material.

Nick Kaminaris, VP Finance of the Commerce and Administration Students' Association, said he abstained from the vote because he hadn't yet consulted with his constituents about their opinions on the handbook.

Kaminaris said his abstention had no reflection on his sympathy for the article's supporters.

"Whether it's about homosexuality or about heterosexuality, the article could be judged to be obscene by some people," he said. "I feel it should have stressed safe sex. There were only two references to safe sex. I'm wondering if the article was an attempt to repulse people."

Concordia student Erich Schmidt also argued that the safe sex message is obscure. "The article didn't match its intent," he said. "Safe sex, to my best knowledge, is not in public parks or in public toilets. They're not good sexual situations." He also added the handbook was not the appropriate place for the essay.

James Brown, CUSA's VP External said he didn't find anything

offensive about the article. "The page wasn't directed at straight males. It was directed at a specific group of people in a state of crisis because of AIDS," he said.

Handbook coordinator Maureen Bradley asserted that the AIDS crisis warrants explicit material in the student handbook.

"Where is the proper place for safe sex articles? Approximately 10,000 people are HIV-positive in Montreal. Four months ago, a study showed one in 396 babies were born HIV-positive in the city. It's a crisis and people don't realize that. Sex is a big part of students' lives," said Bradley.

The essay "Just Do It" appeared in the Lesbian and Gay section, while safe sex practices for heterosexuals were printed in the handbook's Health section.

Because most educational material is geared towards heterosexuals, eroticized literature is welcome, says Professor Thomas Waugh, chair of Concordia's AIDS HIV Advisory Committee. Waugh, who refrains from judging the essay as literary material, applauds progressive educational attempts by gay men to address their community.

"Eroticizing safe sex, no matter how vulgar, has proven to be good. AIDS education should be on different levels. Although, the culture of eroticism isn't an exclusive direction."

CUSA open forums on the handbook's content will be held in the Concordia Hall building in room H-769, on September 23 and 25 from 14h to 18h. Members of the general public are invited to attend.

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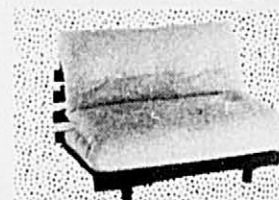
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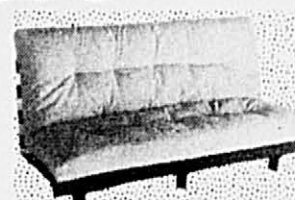
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Nation of Islam's Minister Delivers Unity Message

by James MacInnis

Minister Donald Muhammad of the U.S.-based Nation of Islam came to Westmount High School auditorium Friday night to incarnate fiery black leader Louis Farrakhan's message of black unity.

"Why is it that no matter where blacks live in the Western world, they assume the bottom stratum of society," Muhammad asked. "It is time to get rid of 'fantasyland' notions of integration, togetherness and multiculturalism. Blacks must act for themselves."

Muhammad suggested that some black people haven't caught up with changing times. With the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival next year and another century around the corner, he said, it is a critical moment in black history. Many black activists plan to raise the issue of slavery during the official quinquennial celebrations of Columbus' arrival, in January 1992.

"It's nation-building time," he said.

The night began with black poetry, prayers and blessings from Mohawk guests, and a gripping speech by long-time local black

activist Althie Roberts.

Roberts decried the inability of the Montréal black community to sustain a united and forceful voice following the shooting-death of Marcellus François by Montréal police this summer.

The most enthusiastic applause of the evening, however, was saved for Muhammad's charismatic talk.

The Nation of Islam is a Black Muslim church founded by Louis Farrakhan and based in Chicago. One of its original ministers was Malcolm X, who later split with the church. The church preaches allegiance to Islam and purity of the body and spirit. But its primary objective, according to followers, is the empowerment of the black race.

At the door, each entrant faced an obligatory, but respectful, frisking. Farrakhan believes U.S. President George Bush wants him killed; such fears, whether rhetorical or real, extend to his intimate disciples. Minister Muhammad's male entourage resembled a personal security force, impeccably dressed in prim tuxedos and moving with military precision. The women, in contrast, wore nun-like white habits and robes.

With regard to black women and



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the black family, Minister Muhammad toed a profoundly reactionary line. Black women must be exalted, he said, because "if you've got a foolish woman, you've got a foolish nation."

But it's not for her wisdom that the black woman is needed, he seemed to suggest. Rather, she must not "wear clothing which manifests that which was meant to be hidden," he said. And until she receives a man's commitment, a woman must "keep her legs closed." The woman's role is to be the nurturing mother and from her "sacred womb" will come the male leadership of black people, Muhammad said.

With the leadership in place, the unifying process can begin.

The Nation of Islam has also run into controversy over its leader's frequent anti-Semitic remarks. Louis Farrakhan is well-known for having called Judaism a "gutter religion."

In his talk Friday, minister Muhammad referred to Jewish people in passing. Differences between the Black and Jewish communities are theologically based, he said.

The Nation of Islam teaches black people are the real chosen people described in the Old Testament. The chosen people are enslaved and eventually delivered by the hand of God. The Holocaust must be mourned, Muhammad said; but so must the deaths of an estimated 100 million blacks as a result of slavery. "And like the Jews, we say never again," he said.

The Nation of Islam has also drawn fire because of unclear links to the fascist Lyndon LaRouche cult in the U.S.

Although Muhammad's message of unity received an enthusiastic reception from the 200 spectators in attendance, in the end the

presentation appeared to be merely an advertisement for the Nation of Islam and the need for Farrakhan's hegemonic leadership. Muhammad's talk was the third talk given in recent months by Nation of Islam representatives in Toronto and Montréal. The militant tone of the organization and its well-known talent for community organizing have drawn a positive response from many young African-Canadians, tired of a growing number of racist incidents, police violence and increasing poverty.

Muhammad repeatedly emphasized the issue of leadership in black communities, and tried to set up his own group as the answer to many of the problems facing black people.

Said Muhammad, "In my judgement, the kind of leader that is needed must be bold, uncompromising, and steadfast in his love for his people."

NEWS BRIEFS

KKK charges thrown out

A Montréal jury acquitted two anti-racist activists of theft charges last Thursday. The charges were laid by a Québec Ku Klux Klan (KKK) leader.

According to Donald Gaumont, a member of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, the charges were an attempt to discredit anti-racist organizations in Montréal.

Gaumont said the decision was the court's opportunity to single the KKK out as a dangerous organization.

"When neo-nazis plan something, you should look at things differently, considering their tendency for violent and racist activities," said Gaumont.

Michel Laroque, self-proclaimed "Grand Dragon of the Québec Kingdom" for the KKK, accused Martin Thériault and André Querry of stealing a roll of film, an umbrella and a cashmere hat during an anti-racist demo one year ago. The Klan leader claimed he was at the demonstration taking photos "for his files" on anti-racists and leftists.

According to Gaumont, Laroque was provoking the demonstrators and had to be detained and escorted away for his own safety. In the mêlée, Laroque's film was exposed to light and ruined and his hood was removed, said Gaumont.

"We have KKK internal documents showing that Laroque and his friends came to the demonstration intending on

provoking something. If André Querry hadn't immobilized him, the incident would have degenerated into a fight," said Gaumont.

— Eric Smiley

Solonites lose case

The provincial Rental Board has dismissed a suit launched against McGill by former Solin Hall residents. The students were attempting to reduce their leases from twelve to eight months.

McGill is planning to sign twelve month leases with new residents at Solin Hall.

Québec law does not allow apartments in a university residence to be sublet. As a result, many students were required to pay rent for empty apartments over the summer or stay in Montréal instead of going elsewhere.

The Rental Board ruling said that McGill can waive its rights to prevent residences from being sublet. Hence, given McGill's approval, Solin Hall residents may be able to sublet next summer.

But Johnathan Quaglia of the McGill Legal Information Clinic said that students trying to sublet during the academic year may still have difficulties.

"It's my guess that unless Solin Hall residents who want to sublet find other students, they're stuck," he said.

Quaglia said that a few of the students may try and appeal the decision in a higher court.

— Robin Le Baron

STUDENTS' SOCIETY BRIEFS

Supporting students deemed "arbitrary"

Students' Society has not taken a stance on the proposed closure of the Dentistry faculty. Rosalind Ward-Smith, VP University Affairs, said any decision made by students' society without further information would be "arbitrary."

She intends to meet with representatives from both the McGill administration and the Dentistry faculty over the next few weeks.

Daily lease passed

After debate, SSMU council passed the new *Daily* lease last Wednesday. The new lease raises

the *Daily's* rent from \$1 to \$14,500. The motion was passed by a vote of sixteen to two, with one abstention.

New blood

Students' Society will begin interviews for a new Executive Director next week. A committee has redefined the job description of the directorship and decreased its powers.

The new job description, like the previous one, will not be made public. The directorship position has remained vacant since the firing of Don McGerrigle last December.

Society with a mission

Attempting to give the Students' Society direction this year, the

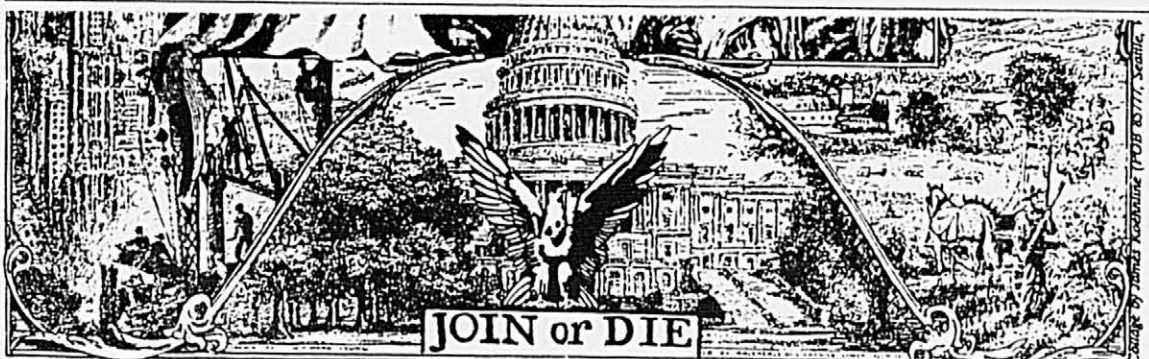
executive has issued a mission statement and a long list of priorities.

Students' Society president Scott Mitic said the document will help give Students' Society a coherent philosophy and provide continuity between executives from year to year.

The mission statement calls for improvements in administrative efficiency; in the quality of education and student life; and in communication between student councillors and membership.

The list of priorities includes the creation of a campus job bank; the publication of a course evaluation handbook; a student health plan; the expansion of peer academic advising; a bilingual policy for the Society; better awareness of student rights; and more lobbying for disabled students on campus.

— Robin Le Baron



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Memo

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To: The Office of the Prime Minister.

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We have challenged the unions to harmonize their objectives with ours, to take a satellite's-eye view of our planet and Canada's market niche upon it. But on and on they go, about three per cent wage increases, contracting-out, always standing around, complaining about nothing — you know what we mean, Brian.

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Hyde Parks are a forum available to students or student groups, and should be less than 500 words. The *Daily* prints Hyde Parks as space permits, and the pieces do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Daily*.

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LETTERS

Boycotting Israel

To the *Daily*:

Re: To buy or not to buy

Boycott Israel? Boycott Israel? Did you implore your readers to boycott Saddam when he invaded Kuwait, Assad when he invaded the townspeople of Hama, or Arafat when he ordered "collaborators" to be executed? Of course not. Your double standards, grounded in malice, spew a corrosive acid of antisemitism that endangers your readers. Good New Year.

Faithfully submitted,
Eric S. Block
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And Arab Countries Too

To the *Daily*:

I was surprised by the *Daily*'s call for a boycott of Israel and Israeli products. I assume the *Daily*'s opinion in this matter is based on fact, not a hatred of Israel.

The author refers to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Resolution 338 calls for the adoption of Resolution 242. Resolution 242 does call for the withdrawal of Israel from occupied territories. It also calls for the recognition of Israel by Arabic countries. It also attaches equal importance to this second part.

Israel does not have a perfect human rights record, true, but the record of Arabic countries regarding human rights is also not a shining example to other states. Many Arabic countries are dictatorships and monarchies which systematically discriminate against women and other minorities.

For the *Daily* to be fair, and to avoid a double standard, the *Daily* should call for a boycott of the goods of Israel. The last time I checked, this included all Arabic countries except for Egypt.

Sincerely,
Emmanuel Chomsky
U1 Chemistry

Ed note: The boycott list published in the Daily was a list of organized and well-known boycotts, not necessarily approved by the Daily staff. The Daily has no boycott policy against Israeli products.

More about James and Peter

To the *Daily*:

I read with much amusement both Brad Johnson's excoriation of James McGill, and the subsequent letters

pointing out some of the numerous errors of fact in the piece. Indeed, there were so many errors that others passed unnoticed (such as the Arts Building being formerly McGill's summer cottage-Burnside Place was actually south of Sherbrooke St.). Equally amusing was the editorial note intended to give some credence to the Johnson theories,

despite his confusion over Peter and James McGill, by suggesting the former was the descendant of the latter. The reason why we have a university is that James McGill, having no children and hence no descendant, left a portion of his estate to found a college. Nor was Peter McGill a relative of James. He was

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HYDE PARK

opinion by Michelle Tracy,
International Socialists

"Groupe 92 Non" is a recently formed student lobby group that has wasted no time in organizing against a referendum on Quebec's independence. If they can't stop the referendum, which is slated to happen in June or October 92, they plan to campaign heavily against separation. Nick Anastas, president of the group, has already called a federalist rally for Monday, September 16th. Whether or not the group will actually block the streets singing "O Canada" as planned, Anastas and his activists have to be opposed. Their proposed alternative for Quebec to be wooed into staying with Canada with "favourable legislation" avoids looking at the real issues involved. The roots of Quebecois nationalism are much deeper and linked with events that predate Ottawa's recent failure to produce "favourable legislation".

Since the British military conquest of Quebec in 1759, francophones have experienced political and economic oppression at the hands of an English-speaking minority. This has involved a situation where, until the development of a francophone business class, Quebecois workers were faced with English bosses and were forced into the lowest income bracket. Although this situation is changing with the growth of an indigenous elite, the issue of the preservation of the Quebecois language is still very much at the forefront, as is the issue of Quebec's right to self-determination and control over its own

constitutional affairs. From the Supreme Court's striking down of Quebec's language law (Bill 101) in 1988 to right-wing anglophone opposition to the Meech Lake Accord, it is evident that the Quebecois are being denied basic control over linguistic and legislative issues.

All of this is taking place in a climate of rising anglophone reaction, with the Confederation of Regions (COR), the Alliance for the Preservation of English in Canada (APEC), the Reform Party, and with the dozens of English-only resolutions passed in Ontario towns last year. "Groupe 92 Non" has to be seen in the context of this increasing reaction and in the historical context of Quebec's oppression. The starting point for anyone wanting to understand the issue of francophone nationalism has to be that the Quebecois identify themselves as a nation which does not have the freedom to determine its future. Their nationalism is a valid reaction to years of oppression and needs to be met at this level.

As students in Quebec we have to defend Quebec's right to self-determination against "Groupe 92 Non" and other groups with anglo-chauvinist or federalist platforms. On Monday the 16th we need to protest the group's rally which is taking place in Concordia University's Hall Building Lobby (1455 de Maisonneuve O.) between noon and 1pm. The presence of both francophone and non-francophone students in opposition will be very important. Call Phil Toone at CUSA for details about the counter-rally (848-7474).

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by Peter Clibbon

Hope for a non-racist State

Following the African National Congress' first conference ever held in South Africa, and news of government covert funding of Inkatha, the ANC has affirmed its position as the major opposition to the government of South Africa.

The *Daily* spoke with the ANC's representative to Québec, Chengiah Ragavan, who, as an ANC activist in the mid-sixties, was forced into exile in 1968. He studied at Cambridge and Oxford before coming to Canada in 1980 and is presently a lecturer in African politics at Concordia.

Ragavan returned to South Africa this summer for the first time since his exile and intends on leaving Canada for South Africa next year.

While you were in South Africa, news broke of the South African government's covert funding of the Inkatha movement. What have been the consequences to the South African political scene?

"Inkathagate" was a slap in the face for the government and the Inkatha who were attempting to make the public believe that the ANC were renegades.

Peoples' suspicions that the government was involved in covert actions supporting dissident movements against the ANC were justified after the exposure of the slush fund. People were not totally surprised, because they were aware that they were dealing with a government that was not totally honest.

To some of us who were aware of the international politics of control, such as the illegal CIA funding of the Nicaraguan contras, this revelation was no surprise. We knew there was collusion between international right wing forces to maintain South African supremacy and to delegitimize the ANC in the eyes of the people.

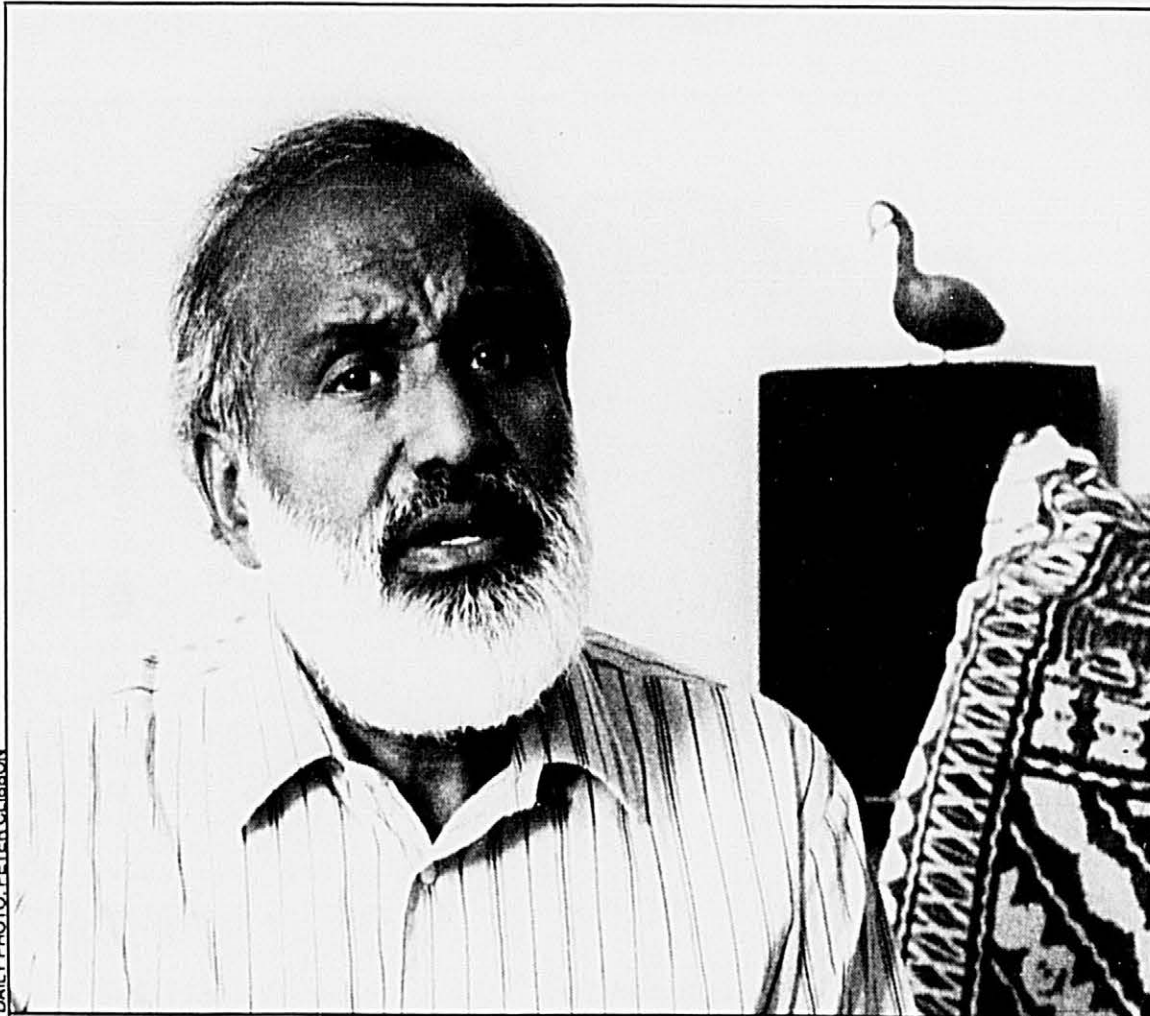
In some ways it has helped the ANC regain its legitimate position in South African society. Having said that, I think there are a large number of mini-Inkathagates in the pipeline.

First there was this "we didn't know anything about it" attitude on the part of the government. They denied any knowledge of the South African Defence Forces dealings with Inkatha, and they denied the existence of any more slush funds. But they won't open the ledgers.

The ANC will have to be very vigilant to make sure the political game is a very open one. But we Africans have the problem of being unable to comprehend how is it possible to have these very complicated destabilization processes. We're dealing with a state that has borrowed a lot of ideas from the CIA in establishing its destabilization policy.

The ANC doesn't have the mechanisms to monitor all the covert actions happening in South Africa. We're a liberation movement, not a full-fledged political party.

The so-called "Black on Black" violence that has sporadically occurred in the last year — many have mentioned a third force provoking



After 23 years in exile, longtime ANC activist and Concordia professor Chengiah Ragavan recently returned to South Africa.

it from behind the scenes. What does that say about the ANC and what do they plan to do about it?

First of all, the term of "black on black" violence is somewhat of a misnomer. Racist behaviour in Croatia or in the Baltic states is never referred to as "white on white" violence. I think it is obvious that this is part of a whole racist media terminology.

The violence that has taken place has been with connivance with the "Third force" — that is, ex-police-men, plainclothes policemen and neo-nazi groups agitating and organizing blacks — which clearly doesn't make it "black on black" violence at all.

We've realized that this violence has to cease. Peace has been established between Inkatha and the ANC. The rate of violence has declined. But violence has a way of taking its own shape, and I don't think Buthelezi can stop his members.

Peoples' suspicions that the government was involved in covert actions were justified after the exposure of the slush fund. People were not totally surprised, because they were aware that they were dealing with a government that was not totally honest.

Just a few days ago, about 60 people were killed. Many peoples' analysis is that this is part of an attempt to derail discussions of the future constitution of South Africa.

Since the ANC's became legal last year, there has been a power struggle

between the old leadership and younger members. Could you elaborate on the grounds of disagreement?

The younger members, many of whom joined the ANC during the student protest movement in the mid-70s, are very anxious to see social, political, and economic changes occur in the country.

Quite often, they don't understand the timescale of the long-term negotiating process, which the old leadership recognizes as the only means of making any progress. Younger members favour an uncompromising position in the negotiations with the government, while the more experienced ANC leadership tends to go for a more consensus-based approach.

One division between the old leadership and the younger membership has been criticism by younger members of the perhaps excessive influence of whites in the ANC leadership. Many of them would like to see an ANC position emerging from the experience of blacks, rather than from a white, middle-class background.

The South African Communist Party and some white progressive groups are the usual examples of white influences within the ANC.

Winnie Mandela has been stereotyped as both the ideal for a South African woman and as a tyrant. What is her future in the ANC since she was convicted for authorizing a physical assault on one of her colleagues?

Winnie Mandela herself represents many of the facets of South African women, who are extremely oppressed.

She's the wife of the most prominent leader of the African people and despite her background, she is expected to think like a middle class white woman if her ideas

are to be accepted. Yet she is a victim of poverty, state oppression, male chauvinism, and township politics.

Is it reasonable not to accept her when taking her outstanding performance into account? Although she lost her position as chairperson of the women's league of the ANC, it is very likely she will be rehabilitated in the near future.

What are the chief consequences of the ANC's first conference held last

The term of "black on black" violence is somewhat of a misnomer. Racist behaviour in Croatia or in the Baltic states is never referred to as "white on white" violence. I think it is obvious that this is part of a whole racist media terminology.

June, their first legal meeting in South Africa since they were legally recognized.

The conference demonstrated for many African and white observers that the ANC functions by consensus democracy. It showed there is a future for non-racial debate in South Africa. There was a large open debate on all critical issues from education to the status of women.

No-one came out of the conference with any doubt that the ANC is a viable alternative government.

What is the position of women in the ANC and how has it changed since the unbanning?

There isn't a sufficient number of women in the upper structures of the ANC, considering that women

constitute 52 per cent of the Congress' membership. Hopefully, in a future state there will be a larger percentage of women in all positions, including the national executive committee of the ANC. As I am a fellow of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, a large part of my struggle has been to empower women in the political process.

Since the unbanning, women ANC members have had a number of conferences, specifically one last year in Kimberley, where positions were made to ensure that women participate at all levels of any future government.

Apartheid, sexism and racism are still there. Over 50 per cent of black women are domestic servants in white houses and education has been overwhelmingly denied to them, given the culture of our African society as well as other limitations.

The education system is divided by race and district, and every population is taught different things. How do you begin constructing a new educational system given that 97 per cent of black South Africans are illiterate?

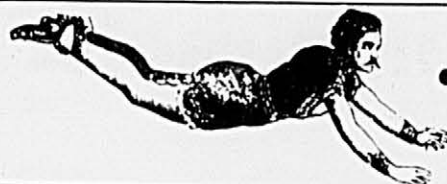
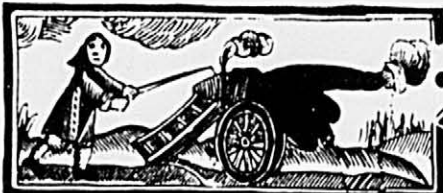
First, there is a need for "de-schooling"; an entire brainwash of the brainwashed. Secondly, the apartheid system has set up racist institutions within various racial groups, and the integration of schools will be extremely problematic because people of different races live in different areas.

It's going to be mammoth problem deciding what kind of education we really need. I have often argued that there is a need for the re-emergence of an "African" education, not a western educational paradigm for African society. In order to empower African culture, Western models must become merely a footnote. Of course, there is great resistance to these changes because the tenets of the present South African education are white, Anglo-Saxon and protestant.

However, having said all that, my own example will tell you how there is hope for change in South African society: I was born in a sugar plantation, with my parents working 24 hours a day. I left school at 14 and went to evening school, in which it took me 10 years to acquire an education equivalent to that in CEGEPs in Québec. I then went to university part-time in South Africa, going through numerous periods of unemployment. But seven years later, I was thrown out of the university without a degree. At the age of 35, I went to England and studied at Cambridge, Oxford and Sussex.

As a result of that, I went back to South Africa as one of the most educated of all South Africans, white or black. This is just one example of what a South African is capable of doing, so I think there is tremendous hope.

I think we should have a very serious think-tank to decide what sort of education South Africans need going into the twenty-first century. I'm highly critical of the ANC's present design for an educational system. Although it would provide universal education to South Africans, the contents of the curriculum must be reviewed.



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in fact born Peter McCutcheon, chang-
ing his name at 34 years old in order to
benefit under an uncle's will. The un-
cle, James McGill of Upper Canada,
was also no relation of James.

John Hobbins
McGill University Libraries

Daring to Question McGill History

To the Daily:

Oh joyous day! "McGill - A Celebra-
tion." Why it came near to melt my
150th anniversary McGill commemo-
rative vest buttons with pride when I
first read it. But then...

I was snarfing down some tea and
scones at the local club when I hap-
pened upon that article in your measly
small minded and plebeian journal. I
would have had to be exceptionally
obtuse to miss it. Why, the nerve of you
young whippersnappers - daring to call
into question the history that we have
all built up and agreed upon time after
time after time, daring to tear down the
illusions we all need to profit...I mean
survive in this world.

For shame. Why can't you be well
behaved, print well liked stories. Fra-
ternity initiations, hazing, all good fun.
You should publish school cheers, or
even one of those iron on McGill patches
for those T-shirts that all the young
people are wearing.

Just a thought.

M. Fred Methot
B.A. 1983

Angry Blond

To the Daily:

I feel it is necessary to respond to a
particular statement made in Albeth
Oldsdales's "SSMU Fat Cats" which ap-
peared in the Sept 11 edition of the
Daily. In tear-jerking fashion Mr.
Oldsdales pleads for SSMU change "as
post-secondary education becomes the
private domain of meatloaf-eating
blond people whose parents have
bought them jeeps." Oh No!! a Blond
Conspiracy! Please, Mr. Oldsdales, get a
grip on reality! Any blond person who
has worked hard to finance their educa-
tion has the right to be outraged by your
foolhardy remarks. Like many students,
a Lada is my dream and Steinberg spa-
ghetti my triumphant reality. No one
including blonds, likes the rise in the
cost of education. I am angry about
these remarks, Mr. Oldsdales, which re-
flect unhealthy stereotypes of blonds as
either stupid or filthy rich. Perhaps, if
your intelligence overcomes your
prejudices, you won't make such pre-
posterous and contemptible remarks in
the future.

John Unrau
U2 Arts

Necessity of Feminism Questionable

To the Daily:

I am not surprised that there is usu-
ally a great amount of feminist ideology
in your paper. I am surprised, however,
that there is hardly ever any criticism of
feminism or any attempt to understand
it. So please permit me to provide the
reader with a necessarily short and in-
complete critique of feminism.

Of most significance, one should
realize that feminism is essentially a
pragmatic movement. In its early exist-
ence, it helped women win rights pre-
viously denied to them. However, at
present, the necessity of the movement
is questionable. Despite this, feminism
shows no signs of weakening. One rea-
son for its continued strength is that it
provides women with a distinct advan-
tage in our very competitive society.
The system of feminist patronage and
support makes feminism alluring. This
is also the reason why most women do
not publicly criticize the movement or

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Cree question economic impact of James Bay II

by Michael S. Mastariciyan

"Quebec taxpayers will be paying the United States \$140 million over a 20 year period to buy our electricity," said a Cree spokesperson.

Will Nicholls, a spokesperson for the Grand Council of the Cree said an analysis of export contracts made by the Goodman Group of Boston concluded that the \$12.6 billion Great Whale hydro project will result in a net loss for Québec of \$140 million.

Marie Archambault of Hydro Québec disagrees with Nicholls' figures.

"We have our own calculations and we expect a \$22 billion dollar profit. Otherwise we wouldn't be doing it," she said.

Nicholls, who spoke to a group of Concordia students on Wednesday night, said Hydro Québec and the Quebec government were misleading the public by dangling the prospect of short term gains in employment.

"6000 jobs over a period of 10 years might be a boom for the economy now, but the cost will be very high for the future when the land and the Cree culture are destroyed," he said.

Nicholls then later joined a group of 250 supporters at Phillip's Square to protest the proposed project. He told supporters he feared the government was trying to cloud the issues by turning the controversy over the project into a "Cree vs. Quebecois" confrontation.

Stephan Corriveau of the Regroupement de Solidarité Avec les Autochtones (RSAA) agreed. He said the Bourassa's intention was not to create work opportunities

for behalf of Quebecers but to keep electricity costs low for private enterprise.

"We have to fight against the James Bay project because it makes

all Quebecois collaborators against the Cree," said Corriveau.

Earlier this month, Premier Robert Bourassa announced the Great Whale project would be postponed for one year, allowing The

New York Power Authority time to reconsider its \$17-billion electricity contract. Bourassa claimed the reason for suspending the project was decreased demand for power due to the economic recession.

However, New York State Governor Mario Cuomo and New York City Mayor David Dinkins have cited social and environmental concerns as reasons for wanting out of the contract. Nicholls sees the postponement of the project as only a small victory.

In a surprising change of position Thursday, Cree leaders announced plans to participate in an environmental review of the project, providing the review remained impartial.

However, among the various conditions for Cree participation, the Cree leaders demanded all review procedures to be made public. Hearings must include evaluations of possible alternatives to Great Whale such as energy conservation and smaller dams.

But the Crees' most important condition is that no maximum time limit be set on the review process; but a minimum of three years should be taken to complete the review process.

Nicholls also applauded a Federal Court decision last Tuesday ruling that Ottawa must abide by the 1975 James Bay Northern Agreement. According to Justice Paul Rouleau's decision, Ottawa must begin a new review of the project and approve it before any work can begin.

Nicholls said the Cree will spend the next year trying to educate the public on the realities of the project. He called for stronger support from those who are against the project.

"Neither I nor all the Crees together can stop this project from happening. To stop this project requires everybody's help," he said.

Co-op has hopes for new building

by Eric Smiley

A coalition of Montréal student organizations have finally found a building which may be suitable for its new housing cooperative.

The latest building to be considered is a 3 unit apartment building on Hotel de Ville which could house 12 students. "It's the cheapest, most appropriate building we've found," said Daron Westman from QPIRG.

A group of student co-ops in southern Ontario may provide a loan to finance the co-op. A delegation from the Ontario co-ops has already visited the building.

The decision to give the loan will be made at a meeting on September 30. Approval for the loan is contingent on a report on the soundness of the roof from a Groupe de Ressources Technique. Despite difficulties arranging an inspection of the roof, Karla Macdonald, VP External of the SSMU, is optimistic.

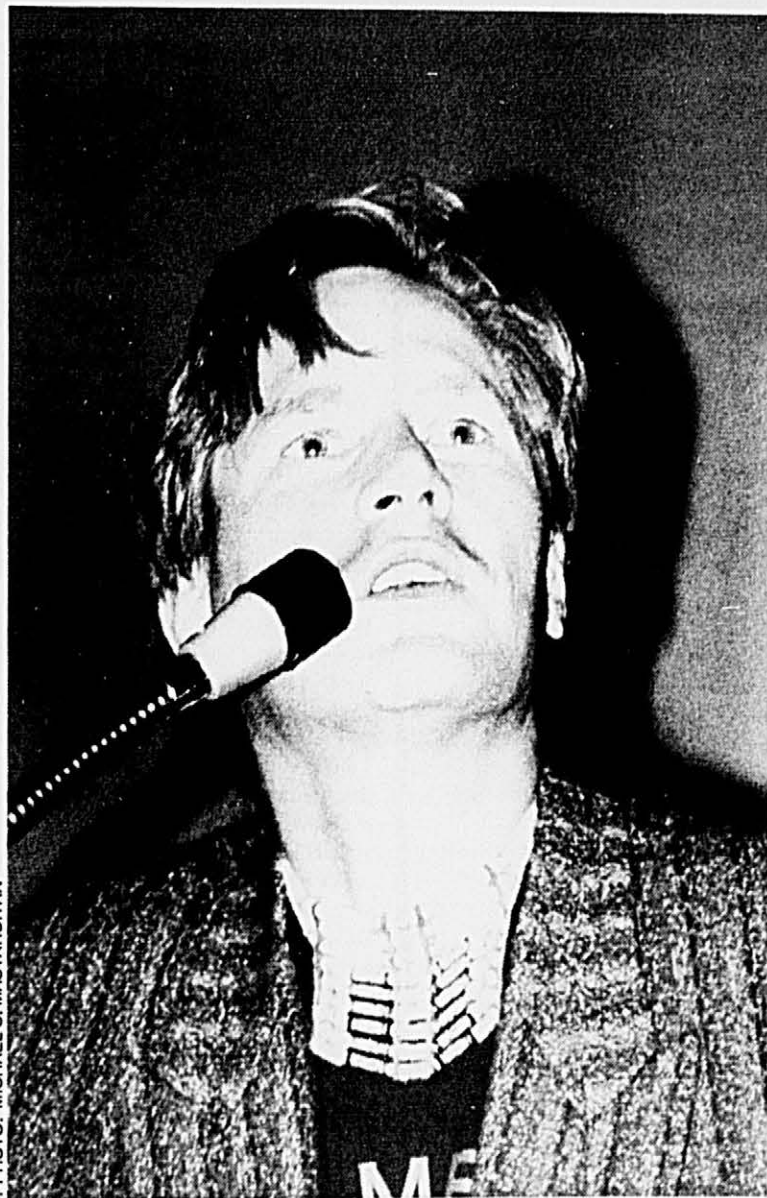
"With the financial support of student co-ops in Ontario and the purchase of a building it appears that the co-op will be established this year," said Macdonald.

QPIRG and student councils from McGill, Concordia and UQAM have been attempting to organize a student-run housing coop for over a year.

But there have been problems between the different members in the group.

According to Jason Prince of QPIRG, the new student executives in the different universities raised concerns over the project during the summer. Concordia students have expressed concern over the expense of the Hotel de Ville property.

On the other hand, AGEUQUAM seems to have made student housing a priority, according to Macdonald. André Gagnon of AGEUQUAM has taken a personal interest in the co-op project.



Cree representative Will Nicholls cites a consultants report stating James Bay II will lose money

Montréal campus news update

To keep readers informed of events occurring on other campuses in the city, the Daily has compiled a compendium of the city's other university newspapers.

• UQAM is clarifying its definition of sexual harassment in order to help victims identify when they are being harassed. The policy revision will simplify the way harassment committees process complaints.

The old procedures are seen by many as long and complicated and deters many victims from issuing complaints.

Changes to the policy are not unanimously agreed upon. A union of university employees has set up a committee to write its own policy regarding sexual harassment.

• Pierre Péladeau, newspaper magnate and loose-lipped businessman, has donated one million dollars for the construction of an amphitheatre on UQAM's downtown campus. Infamous for his anti-semitic comments cited in the *Journal de Montréal* last year, Péladeau is known as a person who, according to the article, "never had much respect for the university world." His donation came as a

surprise to many. The amphitheatre's name has yet to be decided.

• UQAM administration have decided that professors are not absolutely required to return students' marked papers and exams.

A student has the right to see corrections and marks, but a student's work can be destroyed after six months, if not collected by the student.

- Montréal Campus, UQAM

• In mid-August, University of Montréal's student council (FAECUM) locked out employees of the student-managed campus bar, Le Clandestin. The bar was closed for the first week of university.

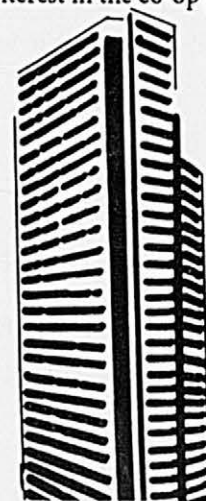
A mediator chosen by the Commissariat du Travail du Québec has been negotiating between the two parties. An agreement of principle was reached two weeks ago, and if all goes well, the final settlement will be signed in October.

Negotiations dragged on for almost a year with employees demanding for better wages and other employment benefits. Last year, FAECUM employees unionized and allied themselves with the CSN, a Québec union.

• FAECUM's VP Academic Michel Beauchemin made an appeal last week calling for an information committee which would sensitize the university community about sexual harassment problems.

- Continuum, Université de Montréal

- compiled by Fiona Dellers





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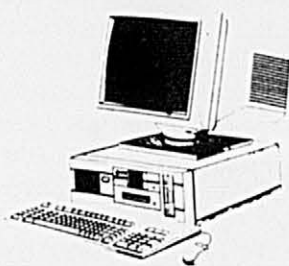
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its related ideologies (e.g. enviro-feminism).

Also of considerable importance is the psychological satisfaction derived from feminist ideology. The various feminist organizations provide the women with a sense of importance and purpose in their lives. Furthermore, there is a psychological satisfaction in considering oneself a victim. It justifies one's sense of moral superiority as well as providing a mantle against criticism.

I encourage readers to reply to this letter, but I sincerely hope that feminists will re-examine their position in light of my argument. I also believe that criticism of feminism in the context of debate will ask one to realize her/his ideological limitations.

Sincerely,
Bharat Patel
U2 Science

To the Daily:

Stereotypes abound. This paper has been at the forefront of fighting the biases and stereotypes on certain groups and minorities. It would appear this paper champions the cause of open-mindedness. However, I am a member of one group this paper has consistently been biased against. I am a brother at a fraternity here at McGill. By saying such I am immediately stereotyped as anything from, at worst, a potential gang-rapist, to at best, a beer-swilling womanizer. How about if I make the case worse for myself? On paper this is what I am a white, middle-class suburban, I am of Scots-Irish descent, I am a church-going Catholic, I am an American, I am a registered Republican, I play rugby and I've been active in my fraternity since the first semester of my first year. Now I'm sure at least one of these, probably more, has forever marred me in the eyes of some, but this is what I am and I'm proud of all of them. Perhaps accordingly, I should've put down "close-minded bastard" because for many that is synonymous with being a member of a fraternity. Regardless of who I may really be as a person, I will never be seen as anything more than just a close-minded fratboy by those hypocrites who are willing to have an open-mind for all groups except fraternities. This is my third year at McGill and one thing I have learned is that an open-mind is a rare commodity. I don't expect to be given a chance.

James C. Brown
U3 Arts

Total Workout Totalled

Open letter to Mr. Dubeau, Director of Athletics:

We are writing to express our opposition and outrage to the doubling of the admission fee to Total Workout from \$1.00 to \$2.00 (\$1.50 if one buys in advance 10 tickets). As you know, McGill students already pay Student Services Fees which contribute to the running of the gym.

We might agree with you that the users of the gym should pay a fee for the instructional activities, to cover the cost of hiring and instructor and providing the necessary equipment. In the current context, however, with hundreds of daily participants in Total Workout, the gym must be making a large amount of excess revenues. According to our conservative estimates, Total Workout is used to cross-subsidize other instructional activities rather than quantitative and qualitative instructional activities for total workout participants (more sessions and better equipment such as mats, sound quality, air circulation, etc.). We would appreciate an explanation as to why it should be the case. Why should participants in mass and popular activities such as Total Workout subsidize more restricted and

elite sports. Isn't it the purpose of the athletic department to foster the care and development of the largest number of students rather than a small select few?

In our opinion, Total Workout participants have been withstanding poor treatment from the Athletics administration for too long. Not only has there been only one class added to the schedule in the past five years, even though Total Workout is filled to capacity every day, but we put up with lousy mats, the fact that you must arrive half an hour early to get a ticket because of sell-outs, and poor sound equipment - how can you expect us also to pay 100 per cent more for an exercise class when little has been done to improve this service?

Could you please provide us with a detailed breakdown of the revenues and costs related to Total Workout? We consider this a reasonable request as the gym is a student financed facility.

Eric Darier

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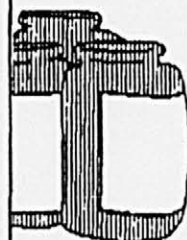
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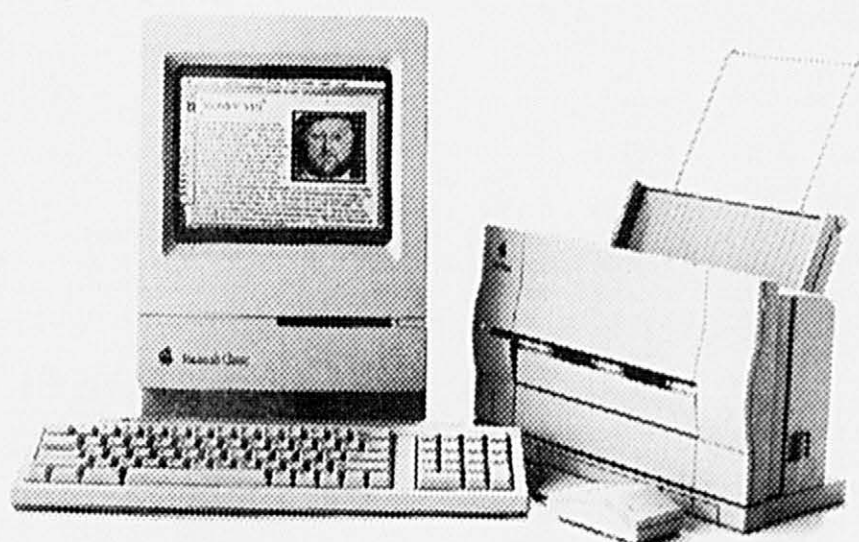
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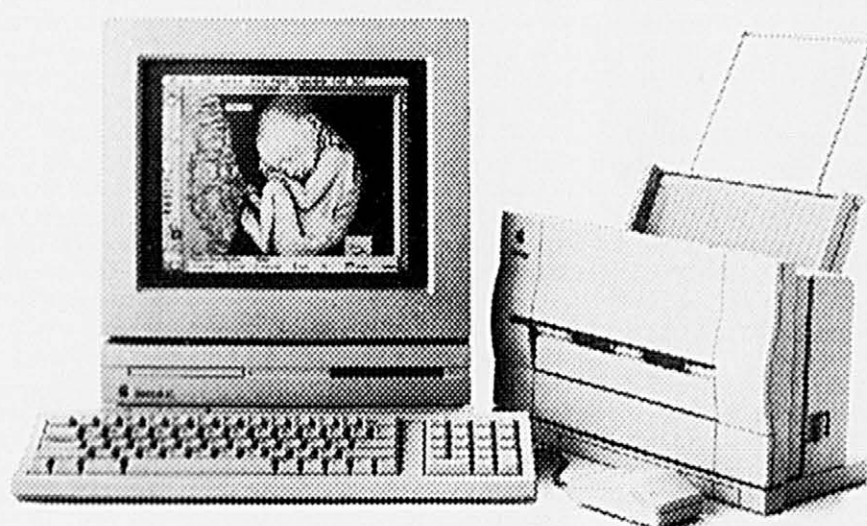


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